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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy 01444-233431



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"If we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die we die for the Lord.
So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

Romans 14:8

Diane Fanstone - funeral & thanksgiving service details:

Diane's Funeral Service will be held on Friday 17 August at 12noon at Thameview Crematorium, Gravesend. This will be followed the next day by a Thanksgiving and Celebration Service for her life and ministry work alongside Michael and within SEBA (she served on the Ministerial Recognition Committee for some while). This is at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend on Saturday 18 August at 11,00am, and will be followed by lunch.

Everyone who knows or knew Diane and/or Michael is invited to either or both services. No flowers, please (only close family), but donations to Crohn's and Colitis

UK. There is no need to wear dark clothing on either occasion, and especially Saturday.

Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers those, across the Association, who are unwell or in need:

- Ray Avenell (Treasurer at Strood Gospel Mission Church) - Pray for Ray as he deals with the side-effects of the chemotherapy (for cancer in the bowel, abdomen and chest).
- Revd Jim Crompton (Retired Minister) - please pray for Jim, recovering from brain surgery.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - On Saturday, Seyan was admitted to Margate Hospital with chest pains, and suspected Angina. After 9 hours in hospital and multiple tests (including a CT scan), Seyan returned the following morning to meet with the Cardiologist, who told him that it wasn't his heart, but was in fact a Pulmonary Embolism. He has new medication for the next 6 months and they will be keeping a close eye on him. They have also ordered additional organ scans, over the next few weeks, to rule out anything more sinister. Please pray for Seyan – on top of all he already deals with medically, this additional condition is making him very breathless and zapping what energy he has. Pray that they don't find anything else on the other scans – and that his new medication will improve his new condition. Please continue to pray for the Fellowship at Walmer, as they support Seyan.
- **Revd Bob Younger** (retired) - please pray for Bob, some years ago Bob was diagnosed with mixed dementia (a combination of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia). The condition has advanced with time, and Bob, and his wife Pam, would value your prayer support.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests or updates are highlighted)

SEBA Notices

Voting papers - SEBA Treasurer:

Please can you ensure that the voting papers for our new SEBA Treasurer (sent out electronically to Ministers & Church Secretaries) are returned by 31st August. If you have not received your copy, please contact Steph Tidy, who will happily sent out a replacement - 01444-233431 admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

Are you looking to fill preaching spaces, or need someone to run your Church Weekend?

Our Regional Team (Stuart, Paul, Jerry, Maeve and Penny) are available for bookings - you can find their contact details on the SEBA website '[How can we help? page](#)

An invite from Maeve:

If you are going to Soul Survivor week B do feel free call by and drop in to see the SEBA group, we are going to be on Pink 5. There is always a welcome and a brew going so just call into the marquee and come visit.

Temporary contact details for Maeve:

mave@seba-baptist.org.uk

07944 600871

Maeve Whitchurch
c/o 41 Saltings Way
Upper Beeding
BN44 3JH

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

The SEBWM are currently without a Treasurer - their Chair, Kate Weekes is trying to cover it as best she can, but is struggling to even get new signatories for their bank

account. Kate has asked me to enquire whether there are any ladies out there who would consider joining their committee, or at least be available to attend their meetings. If you are interested in joining in - please can you email Kate direct, on kate.weekes@gmail.com - thank you

SEBA Training

Excellence in Safeguarding training:

Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding

- (All Age service version [8 minutes])
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown in all age services.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/513615/Level_1_Excellence.aspx
- (Church Meeting version [4 minutes])
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown to your Church Meeting.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514025/Level_1_Excellence.aspx
- (Materials for Children and Young People)
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding written material designed to be used with your children and young people.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514026/Level_1_Excellence.aspx

Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 2 is for the Minister, Trustees, Designated person for Safeguarding & all those who work with Adults at risk, Children & or young people. The course lasts 3 hours]

- Saturday 8 September 2018 /// Crawley Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space

- Saturday 6 October 2018 /// Ashford Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 9.30am- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 24 November 2018 /// Littlehampton Baptist Church - 9.30am- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 16 February 2019 /// Gillingham Baptist Church - 9.30am- cost £10 per space

Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 3 is for Ministers, Trustees & the Designated person for Safeguarding and all who lead groups with Adults at risk, Children & or young people. The course lasts 3 hours]

- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 6 October 2018/// Ashford Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
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For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

* Please note, anyone attending both level 2 & 3 training, on the same day, will need to bring a packed lunch (unless otherwise stated).

There is a safeguarding introductory guide on the Baptists Together website, this guide would be good for anyone who is new into work with children, young people or

adults at risk, and as a refresher for anyone who is planning to come to training. it can be found [here](#).

Events

Please note - with all events advertised below, whilst we are publicising them, the views and comments expressed are not necessarily approved by the Association - unless they have been organised specifically by the Association.

Bridging the Gap (with The Boys' and Girls' Brigades):

Saturday 8th September 2018, 9.30am to 1.30pm (2.30pm if you want to stay for lunch)

Grace Church (Chertsey Street, GUILDFORD, GU1 4HL)

A morning of talks, debates and facilitated discussions around real case studies, featuring church & youth leaders from different denominations and young people sharing their own experiences.

Cost: £5 booking fee to secure your place (non-refundable) Booking online at: www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-tickets-46878290228

Any questions or for more information: Contact Carol on 07786 962311

Click [here](#) to download a poster

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

ACAT Foundation Training Course:

for Church Treasurers, Accounts staff, financial advisors and those interested in working with church and charity finances:

Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.00pm

Seaford Baptist Church (Belgrave Road, SEAFORD, BN25 2EE)

Cost, including buffet lunch: £45

This course is primarily for Treasurers of churches whose annual income is under £250,000. Both members and non-members of ACAT are invited to enrol for the course. Dealing with all issues covered by the Charity Commission, including Rules & Regulations in Churches Accounts. The Foundation Training Course gives a good

overview of all the issues a Treasurer might meet, whether you are new to the role or have been in post for many years, you will find much in the course to benefit you.

Aaron Kemp, the facilitator, is a former worshipper at Seaford Baptist Church.

Any queries, please contact Roger and Patricia Case on rcasedm@aol.com

To [download a poster, click here](#)

To [download a booking form, click here](#)

Induction - Revd Simon Downing:

Saturday 29 September 2018, 3pm

Aldwick Baptist Church (43 Gossamer Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 3DD)

You are invited to join with all at Aldwick Baptist Church in welcoming their new Pastor, the Rev Simon Downing; and his wife, Nicky, and two daughters, Emily and Anaya.

The induction service will be conducted by Revd Paul Kerley, Regional Minister for South East Baptist Association and the Revd Alistair Hornal will give the address. Refreshments will follow the service.

RSVP to Clive Bennett Church Secretary at 27 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DU or clivebennett20@btinternet.com

Care for the Family - Playtime National Conference 2018 - Planting Seeds:

Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm

Riverside Vineyard Church (Air Park Way, Feltham, WEST LONDON, TW13 7LX)

Playtime National conference, specifically for parent and toddler group leaders and their teams.

For more information and to see the brochure for the day go to

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018

SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:

4-11 October 2018 - if you are interested, please email stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk for more details

SEBA Make A Difference (MAD) Mission:

20-25 October 2018 - Headcorn

Do you want to do something worth while this year? Do you want to make a difference, share your faith, help with a mission, grow in your Christian life, learn new skills, return to your church a changed person? Then joining a 'MAD' team is for you. For more information, check out the SEBA website - [click here](#).

Click [here for a booking form](#).

SEBA Ministers & Leaders Conference: 26-28 February 2019 - Ashburnham Place

- book the date in your diary! Our guest speaker will be Revd Professor Philip McCormack MBE, Principal of Spurgeon's College.

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 5 August: The Baptist Union Trustee Board provides strategic direction for our Union, ensures appropriate policies are in place and operated effectively, oversees the Union's structure and ensures compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Please pray for the members of the Board as they seek to fulfil their responsibilities.

www.baptist.org.uk/trusteeboard

Children's resources - needing new home:

Battle Baptist Church are having a clear out, and have discovered tons of children's work material (including series of Bible stories, training packs, photocopyable

resources - covering all ages and topics). Rather than put the lot in the recycling bin they are offering if any church or individual wants to come along, have a browse and help themselves - to pop down to the church (Battle Baptist Church. Mount Street. BATTLE, TN33 0EG) - best time is Monday-Friday 9am-1pm - just give the Office Manager, John Southam a call, 01424-774825, or email him on office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk, to check he's definitely going to be there.

They'd like everything gone by the end of August.

Jobs & Vacancies

Full-time Ministry Leader: Children, Youth and Families - Willesborough Baptist Church:

Salary: £24000 - £29000 (dependent upon experience) plus pension contribution
Closing Date for applications: 10th September 2018

WBC is a vibrant community seeking to expand our work in the rapidly developing area of Ashford. This role will involve working with our current leadership & volunteers developing new, & delivering existing, discipleship & outreach projects. Are you a committed Christian with a passion for sharing the good news of Jesus with children, young people & their families? Do you have the leadership skills to motivate & develop a team of volunteers to accomplish our vision of growing 'a passionate God-centred family, committed to sharing His life-changing power; a vision which embraces a real desire to 'grow the church younger.'

Are you looking for a new challenge?

For more information on the role or to apply for an application pack, please go to www.wbc-ashford.org.uk or contact Lynn in the Office: 01233 632739 or office@wbc-ashford.org.uk

Administrator - African Pastors Fellowship:

APF is a registered UK charity working to empower and equip dedicated but under resourced church leaders in Africa to help them lead healthy churches that transform communities.

Following the successful launch of eVitabu, a major new innovation, APF needs to expand its UK staff by setting aside the existing UK Coordinator to focus on Project Management and appoint an experienced PA/Secretary to take over much of the day to day administration of the charity, supporting the work of the CEO and Project Manager.

For a full job description & person specification, [click here](#)

The successful candidate must have experience of administration in an office environment. They will need excellent communication skills, be highly proficient in the use of IT and social media. They will need to be able to work independently and as part of a close team; whilst working to agreed timelines and encouraging others to do the same.

Salary: £18,500 pro rata for 37.5 hours per week

Hours: 15 hours per week (i.e. £7400 per annum) [work pattern to be agreed]

Place of work: The APF office is relocating from Canterbury to Faversham as from 1st October 2018. You will be required to attend approx. 4 trustees meetings per year which usually take place in the midlands.

To apply send a copy of your CV with a covering letter explaining why you are applying for this job and outlining the key skills and experience you will bring (this should be no more than one side of A4) to – Revd David Stedman, ceo@africanpastors.org or Station House, Station Approach, Adisham, CT3 3JE not later than Friday 31st August 2018

Written references will be sought from your current or recent employer, church leader (if applicable) and one other person

Vacancies to represent SEBA across the area:

SEBA have some vacancies on groups that you may be interested in (see list below).

- Two SACRE vacancies - on the panels, who provide input into how Religious Education is taught and collective worship is undertaken in our schools - the vacancies are in LEA areas of [Surrey](#) and [Medway](#) - click on the area for the role description.
- up to two Trustee vacancies for the Kent Workplace Mission - the KWM work in Kent, Medway, Bromley & Bexley supporting people of faith, at work; developing chaplaincy ministries in workplaces and helping local Christian communities to actively engage with their local economic community. For more information, [go to their website](#)

If you are interested in being involved in this way, please email Steph admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

If you would like to add a church-based, or Christian charity vacancy to the weekly emailing, please let me know admin@sebabaptist.org.uk

Please note, we cannot post vacancies for Church Minister positions, as these should go through Revd Stuart Davison, and the Settlement system.



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